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1. NEWSPAPERS CARRIED STORY ON MARCH 18 RELATING TO PROPOSED
VISIT OF MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY CHANG YI-JOON,
STATING IN PART:

"THE MINISTRY SOURCES SAID COMMERCE-INDUSTRY MINISTER
CHANG YIE-JOON WOULD LEAVE SEOUL ON APRIL 4. HE IS SCHEDULED
TO MAKE A SEVERAL DAY VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES ON HIS WAY
HOME FROM CANADA TO HAVE A SERIES OF UNOFFICIAL TALKS WITH
U.S. SECRETARY OF COMMERCE JUANITA KREPS AND OTHER TOP GOVERN-
MENT LEADERS IN WASHINGTON ON VARIOUS PENDING TRADE PROBLEMS
ESPECIALLY RELATED TO THE RECENTLY STRENGTHENED RESTRICTIVE
MEASURES OF THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT ON PRODUCTS IMPORTED
FROM KOREA.

"GREAT SIGNIFICANCE IS BEING ATTACHED TO MINISTER CHANG'S
MISSION...IN VIEW OF THE FACT THAT HE IS HOLDING TALKS...AMID
THE HIGHTENED TENSION AND ALERT ON THE SIDE OF THE KOREAN
BUSINESS CIRCLES THAT HAVE BEEN CAUSED BY THE STEPPED-UP
MOVES BY THE TWO NORTH AMERICAN GOVERNMENTS TO ADOPT TIGHTER
PROTECTIONIST POLICIES.

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"HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH KREPS WILL CONCENTRATE ON THE
AMERICAN GOVERNMENT'S RECENTLY REPORTED PLAN TO REGULATE THE
IMPORTS OF TELEVISION SETS, FOOTWEAR, LEATHER GARMENTS AND SOME
OTHER PRODUCTS FROM KOREA AND OTHER DEVELOPING ASIAN NATIONS.

"CHANG ALSO WILL TRAVEL TO OTHER MAJOR AMERICAN CITIES

INCLUDING NEW YORK, LOS ANGELES, AND SAN FRANCISCO, WHERE HE
IS SUPPOSED TO GIVE QOREAN BUSINESS BRANCH OFFICES THERE THE
ONCE-OVER."
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